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Town seeks volunteers for boards, commissions

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SOUTH HADLEY - The town is seeking volunteers to join various committees, boards and commissions and put their talents to use helping out the town of South Hadley.

"Public participation is crucial to good governance and quality services," said Lisa Wong, the town administrator. "Serving on a board is rewarding to residents as it gives them a voice in critical decisions."

The town seeks residents who are registered to vote and have diverse interests and abilities. For most positions, there are no special requirements for the positions, except for a willingness to volunteer time and energy. Currently, there are positions available on roughly a dozen committees and boards, including the bike walk committee, the commission on disabilities, conservation commission, historic district study committee and the master plan implementation committee.

"We have periodic vacancies for a number of reasons including long-time board members wanting to encourage new participants," ex-

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Wizard of Oz lands on local stage

The talented actors getting ready to begin! The Tin Man, Dorothy, Toto, and one of the witch's guards.

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SOUTH HADLEY - One of the best ways to spend time is with the exciting viewing of a play, and one done by the community, is even better.

For years, one of the classic productions has been The Wizard of Oz, and production teams from all over the world have put on wonderful renditions of this timeless classic.

Cynthia Strycharz and Dan Mascia, the director and music director for the local small community theater group The South Hadley Players, worked hard to make this production perfect.

The play is composed of around forty people in the cast, and twelve people made up the production staff in order to make this beloved classic come to life.

Running for a few more weeks in rehearsals, the play is getting ready for its opening weekend at the end of the month, and the ac-

tors and crew can't wait.

The showtimes will be at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, and a 1 p.m. showing on Sunday, Nov. 24.

"We try to be really inclusive of all ages," said Strycharz. "We have a great cast here of all different people from elementary kids to adults in the community."

The South Hadley Players has been going for about a year now, and came from the two old-

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Nonprofits look for volunteers at special library fair

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GRANBY - Nonprofit organizations are truly what keep our communities together, providing free events, preserving our histories, or filming the town meetings.

The nonprofit organizations, because of their lack of regular funding, require the community to step in and help, providing volunteer work, help, or funds.

In total, Granby has fourteen nonprofit organizations working to make the community a better place, and of those fourteen, nine came to the library for a special event.

The library hosted a special fair to give these organizations a spotlight so that the community can be aware of the projects they are completing, and what help they are in need of.

"This was the first one ever," said library director Jenn Cros-



King Lion Dave and his wife Carole Cote with the Granby Lions Club.

by. "It is the product of our Friends of the Library group talking about a need for more volunteer involvement and the Director of the GCAM, who was filming our meeting at the time,

expressed interest in having an event to gain more interest for all nonprofit groups in town."

The idea from Cait Cullen, the director of the Granby Community Access Media, kicked off

this new idea for a fair, and the Friends moved to reach out immediately.

The Friends of the Granby Public Library, Granby Public Schools' PTO, the GCAM, Granby Lions Club, Granby Historical Association, Granby Preservation Society, the Cultural Council, and the Mathew J. Vieu Memorial Fund.

"It was great to network with the other local nonprofit groups that I don't typically get to see or hear from, being so busy at the Library all of the time," Crosby said.

Each of the organizations had a table set up of information about their groups, and a sign-up sheet for volunteers, and there were plenty of tasty treats to enjoy.

The Friends of the Granby Public Library is open for more volunteers to help with planning events, and they are looking for-

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Group works to create dresses

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GRANBY - As the holiday season begins to approach, with it comes the opportunity to give and help others in need to bring joy during a special season of joy.

A group of ladies got together at the Immaculate Heart of Mary to work together sewing, cutting, and creating "pillowcase dresses" to ship to a special organization that mails these dresses to Africa.

The ladies of the church and surrounding community have been working together to create these little dresses for the past few years, and they get together about twice a year, and will get together again in the spring.



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Alison West holding up one of the beautiful dresses she created for the children.

Rita Lariviere, the mind behind these sewing dress get-togethers, has been sewing all her life and finds joy in being able to create things for women in need.

"It gives me something to do when the work is done," Lariviere said. "Every dress is different, and it really is wonderful to help people."

The dresses were made by the volunteers who came together, over fifteen in total working on sewing machines and six working hard to cut up pieces of fabric and match them together.

The group takes donations of fabrics, as well as monetary donations in order to purchase the necessary materials such as thread, fabric, elastics, needles, and more

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Food Pantries helping the community

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SOUTH HADLEY –When it comes to things like food, we can often take for granted what it is we have. We have refrigerators and pantries, and we have closets with toothpaste and showers with shampoo.

However, for a variety of reasons, some of our neighbors have very little or no access to these essentials to life.

“No one’s allowed to be hungry,” said Mary Lou Guarnera, the Executive Director of Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

And that statement remains true. After it opened in January of 2011 for a first round on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, it has served the community by providing food and body care items free of charge to those in need.

“It started with the churches in town sending people to work on it, and then it got huge,” Guarnera said.

Because of this rapid growth, the pantry eventually outgrew where it was setup in one area of the basement area of the South Hadley Methodist Church and has since grown into several rooms.

The pantry is composed of dozens of shelves filled with canned food, rice and pasta, and soups, broth, condiments, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, and more.

There are five freezers, and four coolers dedicated to storing foods like fresh produce, dairy, milk, eggs, cheese, frozen meats, and more.

“It really started in earnest at the pandemic,” said Guarnera. “We would make food deliveries to people who were homebound, and we still do.”

While other pantries had to close during the pandemic, Neighbors Helping Neighbors remained running, providing food for the entire community throughout all of COVID-19.

The pantry also has a special system where people receive a special menu where they can check off on boxes so that they can choose the foods they want to eat.

“It helps preserve some of



You can help making a difference in someone’s life by donating money to the pantry, or through donating fresh, not expired shelf-stable foods.



Judy Delong and Mary Lou Guarnera, proud of their pantries, and working hard to give to all who need it the food and resources they need.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

their dignity,” said Guarnera. “Being able to choose what you get rather than just accepting whatever comes.”

Neighbors Helping Neighbors belongs to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and one of the ways they receive food is from this food bank.

However, the biggest way they have received food is through donations, and they rely heavily on these so they can use what money they receive in donations for fresh foods like milk every week, something many may not realize how important it is.

“We’ve seen growth in the amount of people who come,” said John Hine, one of the many volunteers who helps keep Neighbors Helping Neighbors going strong.

“Mary Lou really concentrated on teaching about food insecurity,” said Judy Delong, who heads Granby to Go. “You’d be surprised how many people can’t or won’t talk about it- they need to feel comfortable and safe to open up, and they do here.”

The pantry is open on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, and you can bring in donations during those time slots, or if you call ahead to see if Mary Lou is in.

“Everyone here is treated with respect and dignity,” said Karen Motyka, another volunteer who has helped Neighbors Helping Neighbors for years. “It’s grown leaps and bounds to do more.”

“It means love,” said Guarnera. “Our volunteers love our customers. It’s people helping people. They don’t make anyone feel badly about coming to get food.”

Neighbors Helping Neigh-

bors also volunteers at the mobile in Chicopee with the Food Bank and helps to hand out the food from the big trucks, and deliveries are made on the second and fourth Mondays.

The pantry also works hard to bring assistance to people who need it, and currently has in place a way to work at helping out five local families that have children in hospice, as well as veterans who cannot travel easily.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, for the past thirteen years, has worked tirelessly to ensure that the people of South Hadley and Granby have food, because “No one’s allowed to be hungry.”

In early to late 2016, or 2017, Granby to Go rose up as a new organization that worked hard to bring the children within the schools have something to eat.

It began with Nancy Jenks, the Lead Nurse, and began in a little closet, and as it began to grow, the school gave them a bigger space.

“To help anonymously, they would give [the kids] bags without their names so no one would know who was getting help,” said Judy Delong, the head of Granby to Go.

“What’s great about this program is that the kids are involved,” Delong said. “And it helps teach them all about food insecurity within our community.”

Currently, students have jumped at the opportunity to ensure that this group had all it could possibly need, volunteering to raise food drives or ensure that clothing is coming in.

One student, who witnessed Granby to Go help his friend, moved on to starting his own food drive for Granby to Go in order to show his gratitude.

“Mary Lou was a great mentor to me,” said Delong. “Through my years of volunteering, I’ve seen a growing need for food assistance.”

The Council on Aging and the Granby United Church of Christ works also to assist Granby to Go by offering cooler space and raising donations for this valued pantry.

Granby to Go ensures kids can get snacks, as well as food to take home over the weekend for

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South Hadley Chorale set for another stellar season

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SOUTH HADLEY - With a strong history of excellence, the South Hadley Chorale has begun rehearsals to bring together a beautiful concert in March.

"I think what probably sets us apart from other groups is that we focus on singing classical works, that we don't have try-outs and we have a focused rehearsal schedule from October through our concerts," explained Barbara "Bobbie" Ayers, president of the South Hadley Chorale.

"We perform one major concert a year in March, historically held in Mount Holyoke's Abbey Chapel. This year our major works are Randall Thompson's "Frostiana" and Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's "Magnificat." We perform our major

concert with orchestra and soloists."

In addition to the final March 16 concert, the group will perform a holiday concert for Loomis Village in December and participate in Showcase South Hadley in April.

With singers ranging in age from their early twenties to their nineties, the group has a wealth of musical experience. The chorale does not require tryouts, but almost all of the singers have a musical background of some sort.

"The common thread is that we sing classical music," said Ayers. "We have over a dozen new singers this year and yes, that is a high number. Anita has been a draw."

Anita Anderson Cooper, the group's new music director/conductor, has brought energy to the group. Cooper received degrees from Westminster College, Boston

University and Delta State University. In addition, the Amherst resident has taught classes at the Manhattan School of Music and Smith College and worked throughout New England as a professional musician, conductor and performer.

"This group is made up of wonderful singers and wonderful individuals. The camaraderie is fantastic. People help each other and genuinely care about each other. I don't know if that sets us apart, but it certainly is part of our makeup," noted Cooper. "It is such a privilege for me to be able to conduct this group of musicians. I look forward to rehearsal every week."

Cooper added that the March concert will have additional works beyond the feature pieces. Those will include pieces by Alice Parker, and others are yet to be determined.

The South Hadley Chorale began in

1984, as a way to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Bach. Barbara Conant, the organist and choir director at Center Congregational Church at the time, invited other church choirs to join hers. Originally called the South Hadley Community Chorus, the group's director in the 1990's, Richard Rescia of Northampton's Commonwealth Opera, decided to upgrade the group from a chorus to a chorale.

"I was a member of the Center Congregational Church. The concert was free and I still have a poster advertising it, recalled Ayers. "It was a success, so we thought we should do something like that again and thus we started. At first, we had concerts every two years. It wasn't until the 1990s that we started yearly concerts."

This season will be the chorale's 35th concert, after having missed several years during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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plained Wong. "We appoint three times a year versus every month so we may end up having more appointments at one time."

Wong noted that there is tremendous value in hearing from the residents on these boards.

"I find the conversations with boards meaningful and the input and initiatives shape the direction the town wants to go in," said Wong. "We have had some great

new faces join boards recently and we are welcoming of anyone who is interested to find out more."

Interested residents can find a complete list of vacancies, as well as directions for applying, can be completed on the town's website www.southhadley.org. The opening on the board of registrars must be a registered republican and the opening on the human rights commission will be appointed through the cultural council. Applicants will receive information about remotely attending a meeting

of the select board to discuss their reasons for applying.

The other open positions are on the council on aging board, the sustainability and energy commission, the tree committee, the veterans council and the zoning board of appeals.

Applications are due by Nov. 15. Kristin Maher, executive assistant to administration, can be reached via email, kmaher@southhadley.ma.gov, to answer any questions.

SHPD chief Nov. Dec. office hours

SOUTH HADLEY— The South Hadley Chief of police has added office hours for November and December.

December

Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Neighbors helping neighbors parking lot

Dec. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the South Hadley Library, Canal Street

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them to have meals, and stocks the locker rooms with personal hygiene items like deodorant and shampoo.

"The basic essentials are needed," said DeLong. "A child cannot learn if they do not have food in their body or clean clothes on them. Physical care affects mental health."

"[This organization] has a wonderful advantage of being right inside the school. It's helped the kids learn about food insecurity as well as e during the kids don't need to go to another place for this needed help."

The goal of Granby to Go is to ensure that the kids are getting the extra help they need, even if that means putting them in sports or giving them access to a computer so that their quality of life can improve with access to these things.

The basic essentials- dairy, produce, meat- are often substituted for carbs, because they are more affordable, which leads to health problems.

Granby to Go has a Special Needs Program where kids from Pathways work to help the organization by putting flyers in backpacks, delivering food, and they even learn to cook and how to do laundry.

"The more people that help, the more of a difference we can make," said DeLong. "It's been my mission to make sure kids are fed."

Neighbors Helping Neighbors had



Gravy, soup, condiments, broth, and tea... what we have on hand for our maybe sick days can help someone else get a meal in their bellies.



Milk and eggs available for those in need, a staple that is hard to come by.

financial burdens are lessened by sharing insurance and helping one another.

"We need to take these two connections and bring them together," said DeLong. "It will really show families this is important for everyone."

Granby to Go accepts donations on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m., or after school hours to maintain the safety of the schools.

Important needs include clothing, as many students may not have appropriate clothing for the cooler months, including undergarments and socks, a staple many of us may take for granted.

If you would like to donate food items to either of these organizations, please make sure you check all expiration dates and only donate food that is not expired.

These food pantries rely on our generous donations of us, in order that we can truly help our neighbors in need, and ensure that all are able to take things they need, and not feel ashamed for need for some help.

After all, "No one's allowed to go hungry."

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Opinion



Why does the government raid Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

The Social Security program is funded by employees and their employers.

The federal government does not contribute to the program, right? So why does the federal government feel they have the right to raid the fund? All the money sent to Ukraine and other unnecessary programs could have been used to pay back what they owe to Social Security.

Signed: Disgruntled Senior

Dear Disgruntled Senior:

You are correct that the Social Security program is mainly funded by payroll taxes on employee earnings and by employers, who match those employee contributions.

FYI, some additional SS revenue is received from income tax on Social Security benefits, as well as from interest on the special issue government bonds held in the Social Security Trust Fund. But the assertion that the Federal Government used (raided) the Social Security Trust Fund for any other purpose is a myth.

All Social Security revenue received since the program began in 1937 has been accounted for and all excess funds are contained in a special Trust Fund in the form of interest-bearing government bonds, reserved to pay future benefits. FYI, the interest on those bonds contributed about \$67 billion to the Trust Fund reserves in 2023. Social Security revenue, today, is not adequate to pay all benefit obligations and the extra money needed to pay full SS benefits for everyone is obtained by redeeming Trust Fund reserves. Redemption of those Trust Fund bonds is how the federal government "pays back" the cash loaned to it by Social Security.

The excess SS money received from contributions was loaned to the Federal Treasury by the SS Trust Funds, interest-bearing bonds were issued by the government in return for the cash received and the bonds issued are redeemable as needed by Social Security to pay benefits. FYI, the average interest on the 2023 bonds in the Trust Funds was about 4.125%, whereas the average rate of return on all bonds held in reserve was about 2.387%. This transaction is the same as for any other investment vehicle except the bonds in the Trust Funds are redeemable at any time without penalty. Said another way, all excess money ever received by Social Security is/was invested in special-issue government bonds and resides in reserve to pay future benefits, as needed.

"Paying back" the money represented by bonds held in the Trust Funds would not be a wise financial move because it would eliminate all future interest earned by those bonds again, that interest was about \$67 billion in 2023). Federal money spent for other purposes e.g., Ukraine is from the general U.S. Treasury and not from the Social Security Trust Fund, which is held totally separate from the U.S. Treasury. Since inception, all money ever contributed to Social Security has been and is used for one purpose and one purpose only to pay Social Security benefits to those eligible, which, by the way, does not include "illegal aliens" or anyone else who is not a legal resident of the United States.

For clarity, Social Security does have a future financial issue because annual benefit obligations are now greater than annual Social Security revenue and money from the SS Trust Fund is now used to make up the difference. Unless the program is reformed soon, the Trust Fund reserves about \$2.8 trillion as of 2023 will be depleted and benefits for all Social Security recipients will be cut by about 23% starting in 2033 or 2034 according to the Trustees of Social Security and the Congressional Budget Office.

Congress needs to act soon to enact Social

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Moving forward

To the editor:

Now that the election is over, it's time to focus on what truly matters.

On Wednesday morning, I woke up to a new day and drove to my favorite coffee spot. Along the way, I saw the familiar sights: kids walking to school and waiting at bus stops, neighbors leaving for work, and early morning walkers and joggers going about their routines. This made me reflect on what is truly important and where our focus should be as Americans.

The elections are behind us, and people have cast their votes. It's time to remember what truly matters in our lives: our family, friends, neighbors, and the communities we belong to.

We need to move past our mixed emo-

tions and work towards coming together as one nation. It's essential to learn how to move on and not allow politics to dominate our days, nights, and lives. As we look ahead, we should hold our elected politicians accountable for their promises without resorting to arguments or verbal disputes. It's crucial that we communicate with our family, friends, and neighbors, regardless of who they voted for.

Let's take a moment to consider what we might be sacrificing by getting caught up in things that are beyond our control. Instead, we should focus on getting back to family, friends and American values that made our country successful.

Sincerely,

Dennis Golas
South Hadley



Tulips and daffodils on vacation, oh my!

My spring flowering bulbs have traveled quite a distance to make it to me, and what a debacle in the process.

Usually, my order, placed in late July comes effortlessly around mid October. The east coast port strike may have only lasted three days, but it sent my bulbs that had come from the Netherlands first to New York, then to Mobile, Alabama, then to the Bahamas and finally, a week ago, to New Jersey, where they will be sent to me, hopefully.

I say this because it is time to get the tulips and daffodils I ordered in the ground, so they can do their thing before the calendar finally decides it is November and not September.

We learned how to plant garlic last week, and we plant spring bulbs each fall nearly the same way. Read on for a refresher course, and if you haven't gotten your bulbs in yet, there is no time like the present!

Let's consider these main points:

Timing

We do our best to plant our bulbs in early fall, so that they can take advantage of optimal temperatures for rooting. Strong roots will keep the bulbs in place, well-anchored during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter.

Location

Most bulbs thrive in full sun, in fertile, well-drained soil. It is important to avoid "wet feet" at all costs when planting bulbs. This means you should steer clear of low areas in your yard, or those that tend to pool water, such as under downspouts or roof overhangs.

Fertilization

I like to use a well-balanced granular organic fertilizer for my bulbs, mixing it into the soil at planting at the rate recommended on the bag. Bone meal was always the fertilizer of choice for bulbs, but this is no longer so.

It has been shown that in addition to phosphorus and potassium, bulbs require small amounts of nitrogen and trace minerals for optimal growth. These days advanced methods of cleaning bones by steaming have all but eliminated the nitrogen and trace minerals from bone meal.



In the spring, another fertilizer application can be made, and if you have an option, choose one with a higher nitrogen to support strong leaf growth. Daffodils are less dependent on fertilizer than tulips and hyacinth—the size of these flowers will diminish over time.

Spacing

Most folks will agree that drifts or clusters of bulbs are more stunning than one or two sprinkled here and there about the garden. Spring bulbs can come in all sizes, so the general rule is to plant them two times the width of the bulb apart from one another.

For example, if the bulb is three inches wide, plant it six inches apart from its neighbor.

Depth

The same rule applies for depth. Two times the height of the bulb is the ideal planting depth; you can even go a tad deeper.

This is especially true if you are hoping your tulip bulbs will return year after year. If your garden soil has been loosened up, planting lots of bulbs is easy.

I have described the fast, "jab and grab" method before, but here it is in a nutshell: Holding your trowel facing in, jab it into the soil and pull forward. If you have not achieved the desired depth, repeat the motion.

Grab the bulb and drop it into the hole, pushing the soil back over as you do so.

Care during bloom time

I always deadhead the spent flowers on my bulbs. The theory behind deadheading is that you remove the flower as it withers, before the plant wastes energy forming a seed.

That way energy is redirected to the bulb, and to forming next year's flowers. In college we were taught to do it, for the above rationale as well as to keep the plant looking tidy.

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Events at SHPL

SOUTH HADLEY— The South Hadley Public Library will be hosting many events throughout November, for a full schedule or to register please visit www.shadleylib.org. The South Hadley Public Library and Gaylord Memorial Library will be closed the following days this month:

Monday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, Nov. 28; Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving

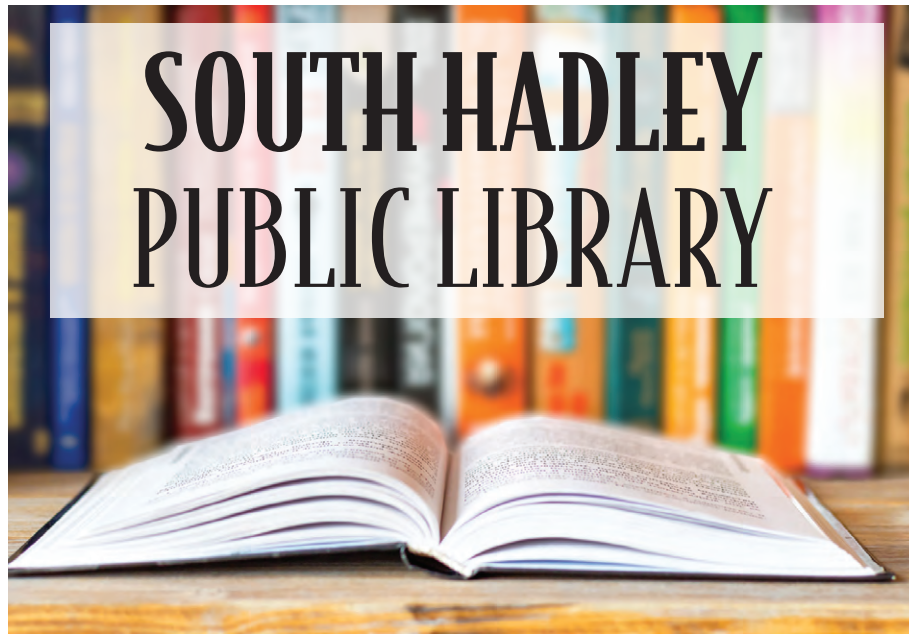
Adult programs at SHPL

The library's two book discussion groups have some great books to talk about this month. The Hello Sunshine Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Me I Used To Be* by Jennifer Ryan. Romance readers will be interested in joining the fun Between the Covers Romance Book Club on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. to talk about *Always Remember by Mary Balogh*. Copies of both books, as well as books being discussed at the Senior Center, are available at the library.

Join the Adult Book Tasting on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. There will be a selection of new authors and books representing a variety of genres. Register by calling 413-538-5045 or stop by the Circulation Desk.

Recipe Swap happening on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. Drop off favorite recipes between Oct. 28 and Nov. 15. Share favorite appetizers, soups, salads, one pot meals, entrées, vegetarian and vegan, and desserts. Copies will be available for people to pick up on Saturday, Nov. 16. Bon appétit!

¿Hablas español? The Spanish Conversation Circle on Saturday, Nov. 16 at



10:30 a.m. provides a monthly opportunity for Spanish speakers to practice their language skills. Participants should have basic conversation skills as this is not a language class, but a conversation group.

The Tuesday Night Knitters meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. and offer quality knitting, crocheting, and company. All skill levels are welcome.

The Gatehouse Online Writer's Group gathers every Friday on Zoom from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a supportive peer-led environment open to all levels and styles. The group philosophy is a simple one: every person is a writer, and every writer deserves a safe environment in which to experiment, learn and develop their craft. Email the facilitator for the Zoom link.

Children's Programs at SHPL

This month in children's services the displays will focus on Indigenous Peo-

ples' month and gratitude. Stop by to borrow a book like *Thank You, Omu!*, *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*, or *The First Blade of Sweetgrass*.

Author Mk Smith Despres will be visiting twice this month, once at Story Time on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m. and again at Pajama Storytime on Monday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Odyssey Books will be offering Mk's books for sale, but there's no need to purchase to come enjoy either program.

Want to practice reading aloud to a dog? Read to Yorkshire terrier Duchess on Tuesday, Nov. 12 or greyhound Gwen on Wednesday, Nov. 20; call or visit the library to sign up.

The final session of the Chess for Kids series is Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. Come learn some strategic moves.

On Thursday, Nov. 14 the Graphic Novel Book Club for kids ages 8-11

will discuss *Squire & Knight* by Scott Chantler from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.; copies are available on the children's desk.

On Friday, Nov. 15 the My First Book Club for kids in kindergarten and first grade meets at 3:45 p.m. no advance reading required.

Teen Programs at SHPL

This month in Teens continue the regular monthly programs with Crafternoon, Snackternoon and Xbox1. The Crafternoon on Thursday, Nov.14 at 4 p.m. will feature Crumpled Paper Art and Snackternoon on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. will feature Taco Tortilla Roll Ups.

Thank you to the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library for sponsoring the Teen Snackternoon. Please note this month's Snackternoon will be the 3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving closure.

There is a different game selection for this month's Xbox1 sessions on Tuesdays, Nov. 5 and Nov. 19 at 3:30 p.m. Reach out with any questions through email or call the library 538-5045 and ask for Bethany.

The Teen Book Tasting Program happens on Monday, Nov. 4 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., come and check out all the brand new, not even circulated YA books, graphic novels, and manga. Get first dibs for check out. This month features gaming afternoons with the brand new Nintendo Switch on Thursday, Nov. 7 and Monday, Nov. 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club, Booktroverts. There is no in-person meet up. This month features *The Girl from the Sea* by Molly Knox Ostertag. Copies are available in the Teen Room to check out.

The Teen Takeaway craft this month is Borax Crystals. See Bethany for more details or to sign up.

SOCIAL SECURITY from page 4

Security reform to restore the program to fiscal solvency. The Association of Mature American Citizens is steadfastly lobbying Congress to enact the needed Social Security reform as soon as possible.

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GARDEN from page 4

Most folks simply remove the entire stem at ground level. One part about this process always bothered me though, why don't we just pop off the spent flower parts and leave the stem – it is very leaf-like in appearance and will do a fair job of photosynthesizing and adding to the plant's energy reserves.

Care during post bloom

Unfortunately, foliage should remain in place until it is completely yellow and withered. It seems to take a long time to get to that point, especially for daffodils, and we can get impatient in the process.

There is good reason for leaving it there – it is making energy for flowers next year. The best way around the inevitable ugliness is to camouflage them with

other plants.

Try interplanting daffodil bulbs such as alongside daylilies or other leafy plants. Once the foliage yellows it is safe to remove it – a gentle tug is all that is necessary to release the leaves.

I will certainly have my hands full when the shipment of bulbs arrives, but the beautiful gardens around Old Sturbridge Village come springtime will be well-worth the effort!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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South Hadley Veteran's Day Events

American Legion Post 260

The American legion will be holding a special ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 7, celebrating and commemorating the service of WWII British paratrooper Hugh Adamson. He served in many World War II battles and is buried

at Evergreen Cemetery. The ceremony will honor his service at 6:15 p.m. at the cemetery.

South Hadley COA

The South Hadley COA will be hosting a special breakfast provided by the high school's Culinary

Department for veterans at 8:30 a.m., and veterans can each bring one guest for the meal, and you can RSVP on the COA's website.

The COA also hosts veteran coffee hours from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second Wednesdays of every month and provides free coffee and pastries to veterans who attend.

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Police, schools host 13th annual

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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GRANBY – Trunk-or-Treats are certainly a fan-favorite and have only grown in popularity since the pandemic.

On Halloween day, kids and their parents came to the school parking lot for a fun evening of trunk-or-treating before moving on to the side streets around the schools for even more.

Halloween night is simply not Halloween without lots of candy, and the Police Department and Public Schools have worked jointly to make sure a kid can have all the candy they want for the past thirteen years.

The event began to truly take off in October of 2011 after the giant snow-storm in order to allow kids the opportunity to go trick-or-treating and get that candy.

“The Police Department along with the School District send out letters to local businesses asking if they’re able to donate any funds to help with the cost of purchasing candy for the event,” said officer Zacharie Gilley, the school’s resource officer.

Chief Kevin O’Grady then use the donated funds to go out and purchase the candy with the funds raised from the generous donations from the community.

This year, Walmart, Laflamme Gardens, Granby Auto Salvage, Mass-West



A West Springfield hockey team dressed in an array of fun costumes ready to serve the best candy.

Construction, Florence Bank, Polish National Credit Union, Sapowsky Farm, The Barnish Companies, and Easthampton Savings Bank were the generous sponsors for the event.

“This is to give families the peace of mind knowing all candy that is passed out during the event came from a trusted group,” said Officer Gilley.

“Our Department and Schools are so community and relationship orientated

that events like this is something where we can connect and have fun with everyone in a different setting,” Officer Gilley said.

Officer Gilley has been involved with this special Halloween event since 2015, and after becoming the School Resource Officer in 2020, made the partnership between the schools and police department all the stronger.

“The majority of the trunks participating are staff and students of the East Meadow School and Granby Jr./Sr. High School,” Officer Gilley said. “This year we did have two businesses join us with decorating their vehicles along with the Granby Fire Department as well.”

In total, there were eighteen vehicles who came decked out and ready to pass

out candy to the kids who came.

The cars had a variety of themes, from Inside Out, The Wizard of Oz, Winnie the Pooh, Star Wars, Disney Princesses, Hocus Pocus, and so many more.

“My favorite part of the Trunk or Treat is being able to bring school members, local business members, firefighters, and our police officers together to put on a fun event that brings such joy and happiness to families in our community,” said Officer Gilley.

The parking lot was filled with fun music, and even more fun and creative costumes with the parents having just as much fun as the kids, getting the chance to be carefree and dress up with them.

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Friends making the perfect Inside Out group: (left to right) Anna Patterson, Allison Maslak, Braeden Gallagher, Faith Ramos, and Mylin Laliberte.

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South Hadley celebrates Veterans Day

On the far right, Brian Willette, a South Hadley resident and Purple Heart recipient, salutes a fellow veteran while in the company of other veterans at the senior center.



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Wizard of Oz

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Getting ready to begin, and ready for the Wicked Witch of the West to make an appearance!



Listening to the directors for their next cues and getting the last bits down.



Most of the players ready to start their rehearsals, a diverse range of talented actors ready to perform one of their favorite movies.



The main characters join the Wizard of Oz himself as they get ready for the final big day.

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er community production groups, the South Hadley Community Theater and Black Cat.

The first show done by the talented members of the South Hadley Players, was this past spring, and it was a wonderful production of *Mary Poppins*.

“Seeing the cast come together is most exciting,” said Mascia. “When everyone is in the stage, it’s just the best.”

Mascia has been in the world of theater for years, and his first ever play was a rendition of the *Wizard of Oz* as well, which he performed in in 1973.

Mascia and Strycharz have been working together since 1990, and the pair work together beautifully, creating beautiful performances of well-organized cast members.

The orchestra put together and orchestrated by Mascia consist of drums, piano, and trumpet, and will serve to add more depth to the project and accompany the actors and actresses.

“I’m really delighted and excited to play him,” said Jeremy Swartz, who will play the Tin Man. “I’m excited for everything to come together. I know I had what it takes to be the Tin Man.”

Sofia Allegrezza, who plays Dorothy, shared her enthusiasm as well. “This he one of my favorite movies, so I’m excited to be able to play Dorothy, who was my favorite from time I was five and dressed as her for Halloween.”

“I’m really excited to be able to be a part of this cast,” said Keith Shannon, who will play the Cowardly Lion. “How inclusive this cast is, just makes it so much more awesome.”

“I’m excited to play this role. It’s my dream part. The inclusivity of everybody here just working together is so cool to see,” said Kim Lynch, who is excitedly playing the Wicked Witch of the West.

Carolyn Strycharz, who is playing Glinda the Good, said, “I’m doing the show with my son the Munchkin Mayor, so I am really excited about that.”

Parents, kids, friends, and neighbors are all working together to make this play come to life in a perfect revealing of the community found within South Hadley.

Tickets are available at the door at the high school’s auditorium, and adults are priced at \$18, and students and seniors are \$12.

Don’t miss out on this amazing chance to see the hard work put into this play, and get the chance to also support this new rising group to stardom.



Dorothy petitioning the witch to let her go home.

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Oh no- here comes the Wicked Witch!



Review those lines... almost ready for showtime!



Glinda the Good Witch ready to move into place to save the day.



The Lion, the Scarecrow, Toto, The Tin Man, and Dorothy defeat the witch.



Turley Photos Submitted by Emily-Rose Pappas and Anabel Evran

Terry Johnson, the president of the Historical Association with a mural of their history in photographs and newspaper stories.



Crystal Dufresne and her two awesome helpers with a table about the Mathew J. View Memorial Fund.



Members of the Granby Cultural Council looking for volunteers.



Terry Lajoy holding up the posters for the Preservation Society, showing their hard work at working to keep Kellogg Hall standing.

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ward to a few special events for the holidays.

On Nov. 16, they will be hosting a fin pastel art workshop for all to enjoy and is coming up fast, so mark your calendars.

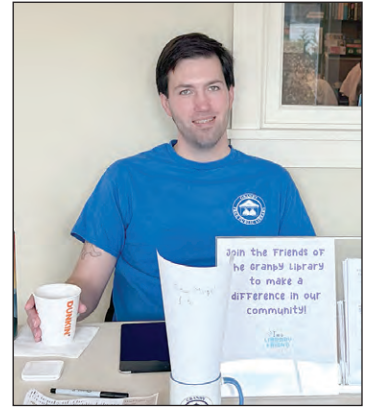
On Dec. 7, they will have a knit and gift basket sale with a hot chocolate bar in the morning, and donations for the sale are being accepted until Dec. 6.

The Granby Public School's PTO is hosting several fundraisers at restaurants and is having a wreath drive for the holidays. You can find more information about their upcoming events on their Facebook page, including an Ice Cream with Santa the first week of December.

The GCAM is looking for volunteers for recording events and meetings around town and provides free production and editing training. Anyone interested can reach out to Cáit Cullen at director@granbymedia.com.

The Granby Lions Club works hard to provide community services once a month, and this month, they will be helping to install new fencing in town. You can find a GoFundMe for the community projects, as well as other ways to help the community and their Facebook.

The Granby Historical Association is excited for a special Christmas celebration at the Quirk House on Dec. 7, 8, 14, and



Xander Huff with the Friends of the Granby Public Library, ready to hand out lots of stickers with his friend, Anabel Evran taking the photo.

15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where people can learn about the old traditions of Christmas pasts.

The Preservation Society works hard to preserve the historic buildings within the community, one of them being Kellogg Hall, and will host a special Festival of Trees at the Hall. Look out at their Facebook page for more information on this special event.

The Mathew J. View Memorial fund is run by Crystal Dufresne and the family of veteran View in order to memorialize his service to our country, and to celebrate his life. Yearly, they host OORAH runs, and the proceeds go towards helping veterans in need.

"I love our unique Granby community, and I think it's important to showcase to the townspeople how they can get more involved and help," said Crosby. "Having all the groups in one place at one time was a perfect opportunity to do so."

It truly is nonprofits that keep our community engaged and tightly knit and relies on the community it serves to help them bring fun memories to the community.



Cáit Cullen and Anthony Muse with the Granby Community Access Media group.

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in order to make dress-making possible.

You can contact Ila Smith with conations of fabric that can be used for these dresses through her email, frazzled14@gmail.com.

The dresses are so important, because they help keep these little girls safe by providing them with an article of clothing that will grow with them.

There are no buttons or zippers, and they tie at the shoulders, so it is easy to adjust in order to grow with the child.

"It's wonderful that I get to help these children," Lariviere said. "I get to sew, and I know these dresses are going to little girls that need the help."

The group was featured on Channel 22 news, and has worked hard to ensure that the dresses will serve these girls well.

The group also put together sets with everything needed to make the dresses, and you can also contact Ila about them in order to help share these dresses further.



Beautiful selections of fabric ready to be used to make a beautiful dress.

RIGHT: Terry Lajoy putting together a special kit with two pieces of fabric matched together.

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Erin Kelly, Rita Lariviere, Mary Jane Miller, and Mary Ann Baldyga having a great time creating dresses for these little girls.

The rack of dresses made by the ladies, ready to be shipped out to worn and cherished.



Friends having some fun together while their kids trick-or treat: Renee Slater, Amanda Tetreault, Liz Crawford, and Kim Ludkiewicz.



The officers who made the night truly special: Chief Kevin O'Grady, Officer Gary Poehler, Officer Ryan Barthelette, Officer Alan Brooks, and Officer Zacharie Gilley.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT



The perfect Star Wars bunch- will you choose the light or the dark side?
Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas



Friends Lea and Allison dressed as the perfect bestie duo from the Hundred Acre Woods.



Alicia Ogg and Beth and Caden Stachowicz with their fabulously decorated trunks.

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"Having such a great turnout and seeing/hearing from families that they enjoyed the event means so much to me," said Officer Gilley. "It shows that we have a fantastic community that supports and trusts the Schools and the Police Department."

The night was a great success, and the kids got to enjoy their time with one another, and get to know the police officers and school staff that truly care so much about them.



Sara Covalli, Tracy Ramsey, and Mary Jane Rickson enjoying their evening of fun and candy.



Nancy Jenks and Judy Delong dressed to impress in their Hocus Pocus costumes, ready for the kids to come to their cauldron- for candy, of course!



Rebecca Robinson and Ella dressed as Elsa, and Audrey Siudak and Esmee dressed as Cruella de Vil.



Members of the Granby Fire Department, Mariya Primakov, Chris Towne, Josh Powers, and Emma Beaulieu.

SPORTS

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Rams charge through with OT win for title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just like they did to defeat Lenox in the 2018 Western Mass. Division 4 championship match, the Granby girls' soccer team needed penalty kicks to dispatch Hopkins Academy in this year's Western Mass. Class D Finals.

Senior Mabel Carillon, who's a reserve player, sealed the deal for the top-seeded Lady Rams. She put a shot into the lower left corner of the net giving her team a 0-0 (4-2 PK's) win against the second-seeded Golden Hawks on a windy afternoon at the brand new turf field located at the Ludlow High School Sports Complex, last Friday.

"Obviously there were a lot of nerves, but just relying on the practice and the repetition, doing it over and over again you try not to get in your head," Carillon said. "Just relying on your abilities, thinking back to practice trying to calm myself down. It's such a great feeling, especially after losing in the Western Mass. finals last year."

A year ago, Granby lost to Central Division rival Palmer, 3-1, in the Class D finals.

"Playing in this game is one of our goals every year," said Granby head coach Bob Weaver. "We had some injuries, but we turned the corner during the sec-

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Granby girls soccer captured the Western Mass. championship last week.



Eleanor Szlosek heads up the field.



McKenna Cudworth tries to maneuver around her opponent.



Brenna Moreno passes ahead of pressure.



Cassandra Flaherty sends a pass up the field.



Simone Quinn goes toward the sideline.



Maddie Soderbaum fights for the ball.



Mikayla Weaver makes her way up the field.



Allison Fluery stops the ball.

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Tigers advance to WMass finals

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley High School girls soccer team defeated Easthampton and Southwick by shutouts in the quarterfinals and semifinals of the Western Mass. Class B tournaments. Allison Fluery

scored two goals for the Tigers in the shutout of Southwick last week to advance to the Western Mass. finals. The Tigers would fall to Belchertown in the finals 2-0. Highlights from that game will be in next week's edition.

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Hannah Haesaert sends a pass away ahead of pressure.

Sports

Girls win first volleyball state tourney game

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley traveled to Worcester to play St. Paul Diocese in the first round of the state tournament last Friday. South Hadley started off slow, losing the first set 16-25. However, they came back in the second set winning 25-20 with some great serving from setter Milana Stefoglo, Opposite hitter Vivian Marion, and Middle Grace Matyzewski. South Hadley lost the third set 19-25 but came back in set 4 (25-18), and finished the match in set #5 19-17 in a nail biter.

Freshman JV libero Khloe Constantine had an unbelievable defensive game in her first ever Varsity start. She kept the excitement alive with some unbelievable digs, great serve receiving, and overall excitement that kept her teammates excited and fighting. Izzy Schaeffer led the team in kills with 12, and had one of her best defensive games of her career.

South Hadley was scheduled to face Bellingham in the next round.

Worcester Railers take road loss to Admirals

NORFOLK, VA – The Worcester Railers HC (3-4-0-0 6pts) fell to the Norfolk Admirals (4-2-1-0, 9pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-2 in front of a crowd of 3,224 at the Norfolk Scope. The Railers are back on the ice next at the DCU Center taking on the Maine Mariners on Friday, November 8th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Worcester struck first tonight with a goal from Jack Randl (1-0-1) who scored 13:31 into the first period. Norfolk was quick to tie the score when Carson Golder (1-0-1) scored for the Admirals. Making the score 1-1 to end the first period. In the second period Norfolk pushed the score to 3-1 with goals from Sean Montgomery (1-0-1) and Connor Fedorek (1-0-1). Connor Welsh (1-0-1) later in the second cut into that deficit with his power play goal making the score 3-2 heading into the third.

The Railers got the scoring started in the first tonight when Jack Randl (2nd) scored on a shorthanded breakaway 13:31 into the first period. Norfolk responded back with a goal of

their own just over 30 seconds after when Carson Golder (3rd) scored to tie the game at 1-1 Norfolk outshot Worcester 11-8.

Norfolk took the lead 7:49 into the second period, when Sean Montgomery (2nd) found the back of the net on dishes from Graham Sward and Carson Musser. His goal was followed up by Connor Fedorek (1st) who extended the Norfolk lead to 3-1 in the 11th minute of the second period. The Railers cut the Norfolk lead to one when Connor Welsh (3rd) scored a power play goal assisted by Matthew Kopperud making the score 3-2. Norfolk outshot Worcester 7-6.

It took nearly the entire 20 minutes of the third period action for either team to score. The Railers had an opportunity late in the third to tie the score on the power play but could not find the back of the net. The lone goal in the third period came on the Railers empty net scored by Brady Fleurent (3rd) at 19:52 making the final score 4-2. Norfolk outshot Worcester 9-7, and 27-21 in the game.

T-Birds fall to Phantoms at home

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-7-0-0) and the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (3-3-1-1) combined for 88 penalty minutes on Saturday night inside the MassMutual Center. After the dust settled, the Phantoms came away with a 5-2 victory.

Before the opening draw even happened, there were indications of fireworks as Springfield bruiser Sam Bitten and Lehigh Valley captain Garrett Wilson exchanged pleasantries, leading both players to be separated by the officials. Still, the two enforcers' inevitable showdown occurred just 21 seconds into gameplay, as the two combatants traded fists in the neutral zone and elevated the noise level of both the benches and the crowd.

Two subsequent scraps followed the Bitten/Wilson tangle as Hunter Skinner squared off with rookie Hunter McDonald, and Marcus Sylvegard got his chance to drop his gloves for his first AHL fight against J.R. Avon. All three concurrent sets of fighting majors happened in the first 7:49 of the period.

All the while, both teams had numerous chances to crack a scoreless draw, but the starting goaltenders were calm in the eye of the chaos around them. Colten Ellis made 16 first-period saves in the Springfield net, while Eetu Makiniemi denied 10 Springfield offerings in the opening 20 minutes.

Both teams left power play chances on the table in the opening half of the period, but in the dying minutes, Lehigh Valley earned a 5-on-3 on two straight high-stick minors to Springfield. Jacob Gaucher finally opened the scoring with just 48 seconds left in the frame, jabbing a rebound between Ellis's legs just outside the goal crease.

Gaucher added to his total just 38 seconds into the middle period. Moments after the T-Birds killed off a power play, the puck took a fortuitous kick to Gaucher's stick in the slot, and he chopped a backhander past Ellis to give the Phantoms a 2-0 advantage.

2:59 later, the Lehigh Valley power play continued its early-season surge as Samu

Tuomaala wristed one through traffic on the left side and past Ellis to make it a 3-0 lead for the visitors.

Springfield's power play entered the night with just two power-play goals over its first nine games, but the man advantage found its groove late in the second as Drew Callin cleaned up a rebound from Nikita Alexandrov in the blue paint to make it a 3-1 game with 5:04 left in the frame.

Unfortunately, the momentum did not carry into the third. Gaucher completed his hat trick just 6:33 into the final period, scooping up a centering pass after a misplay behind the Springfield net and making it 4-1.

Dalibor Dvorsky continued his torrid run with a goal in his third straight game, picking up Springfield's second power-play goal at 8:14 of the third period, cutting the lead to 4-2.

That would be as close as the T-Birds would come, and Anthony Richard capped the scoring with a breakaway goal at 12:56 to round out the scoring.

The T-Birds complete their homestand on Wednesday morning for the annual School Day Game against the Bridgeport Islanders. Puck drop is set for 10:35 a.m. for the second meeting between the rivals.

Westfield Owls win conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State women's cross country ran to a dominating win at the 2024 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday at the Doyle Conservation Center in Leominster, Mass.

Westfield placed eight runners in the meet's top 10, finishing with 20 points, 42 points better than runner up Bridgewater State.

The Owls individual performances were highlighted by a

runner up placing from Tealei Chandonnet (Dracut, Mass./Greater Lowell Tech) in a time of 18:56.16, and conference rookie of the year honors for Sophia Rebenciuc (Southwick, Mass./Bedford), who placed sixth overall in 19:27.51.

"Our goal was to get nine runners in the top 10, and we just missed it," said Owls head coach Marlee Berg-Haryasz, who was named the league's women's cross country coach of the year. "We got 20 points as a

team, which is the 2nd best team score in MASCAC history. We set that as a goal, as we knew we came into the meet favored, so it gave us something to work for, and the women 'packed up' and really stepped up for a memorable day. We had a bunch of times that were personal bests or very close to them."

While Bridgewater's Naomi Cass won the individual title, Westfield runners ran 2-3-4-5-

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ond half of the regular season. I'm very proud of these girls."

Back in 2018, Granby also needed a penalty shootout to dispatch the Lenox Millionaires in the Western Mass. Division 4 finals at Westfield State University.

The Lady Rams (9-10) advanced into this year's championship match after defeating eighth-seeded Mount Everett, 4-0 in the quarterfinal, and fourth-seeded Hoosac Valley, 3-2, in the semifinals.

Last Friday's contest was a defensive battle. It was scoreless through the 80 minutes of regulation and the two ten-minute overtime periods.

It was the first meeting on the soccer pitch between Hopkins Academy (16-2-2) and Granby

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McKenna Cudworth tries to maneuver around her opponent.

since the 2021 Western Mass. Class D quarterfinals, which the Lady Rams also won by the final score of 4-1.

Overall, the Lady Rams have posted an 11-0-2 record against the Golden Hawks since suffering a 2-0 loss at the beginning of the 2008 regular season.

When it was beginning to look like the match would be decided in a penalty shootout, Granby head coach Bob Weaver asked Carillon what number in the order she wanted.

"I went up to Mabel and I went, 'Do you want three or five?' And she goes, I want five," Weaver said. "Mabel practices them a lot at practice. She's always very calm and relaxed. You can't rattle her. She just walks up, hits it, and walks back."

The shootout began with Granby senior Molly Zumbruski lofting a shot into the left corner past Hopkins sophomore goalie Emmy Schmidt (4 saves).

Then the Golden Hawks tied the score at 1-1 following a goal

by senior Sadie Cyr.

The second round of PK's began with Granby sophomore Jaidyn Roberge knocking a line-drive shot into the right corner.

Roberge's classmate, Meredith Bartosz, who's the Lady Rams starting goalie, made a diving save on Hopkins Academy's next shot attempt.

Bartosz only had to make three saves in the contest.

Schmidt also made a save before a goal by junior Alayna Bailey tied the score at 2-2.

The Lady Rams retook the lead following a goal by sophomore Brenna Moreno.

After the Golden Hawks missed a shot, Carillon took an extra second to walk up to the line before becoming the hero.

The Lady Rams entered the Division 5 state tournament as the 20th-seed. They were scheduled to play at 13th-seeded Quaboag Regional in the round of 32 on Wednesday night.

Sports

Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

'Operation Safe Campus' aims to keep students safe from alcohol-related harm

BOSTON – The Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, under the direction of State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, implemented Operation Safe Campus in September.

The annual program is designed to target underage drinking on college campuses and in surrounding communities when students return to colleges and universities throughout Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to keep alcoholic beverages out of the hands of underage students and prevent tragedies.

"Operation Safe Campus helps to start the school year right. It is important to remind college students, servers, and sellers alike the true danger of underage drinking," said Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "We want to increase awareness and avoid tragedies before they happen while protecting minors and their families from experiencing serious consequences."

During the run of the program, approximately 157 cases of beer and 153 bottles of alcohol were confiscated by investigators, preventing delivery to an estimated 2,100 underage individuals. Operation Safe Campus enforcement efforts found:

302 minors in possession, transporting or attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages,

21 adults procuring alcohol for minors, and

108 individuals in possession of false identification.

"This operation focuses on the immediate safety of Massachusetts college students and the surrounding communities while drawing attention to the dangers of underage drinking," said Jean Lorizio, chairperson of the ABCC. "We want to make sure that underage people are aware that drinking alcohol can have devastating consequences upon them and those they love."

Enforcement efforts focus primarily on the parking lots and surrounding streets of liquor stores and bars that have had significant problems with underage individuals purchasing alcoholic beverages with false identification or through adults buying alcoholic beverages for them. In Worcester, ABCC Investigators worked in partnership with the Worcester Police Department's Alcohol Enforcement Unit.

Several bars and liquor stores will face charges related to the sale to, or possession of, alcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 21. The businesses include McGovern's Package Store, Broadway Wine & Liquors, Creed, Ju's and White Eagle of Worcester; Teele Square Liquors and The

Pub of Somerville; Uptown Tap & Grille of Amherst, Scott's Fine Wines & Spirits of Easton; Chansky's, Quick Pick Conventience, Bijou and Two Saints of Boston.

Annually, approximately 1,519 college students between the ages of 18 to 24 die from alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes, 696,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking, and 14 percent of college students meet the criteria for an alcohol use disorder. In Massachusetts alone, the overall annual cost of alcohol abuse by youth is estimated at \$1.4 billion.

In addition, Massachusetts IMPACT impaired driving data shows that 10% of all traffic fatalities involve drivers under the age of 21.

Massachusetts is among the top ten states for binge drinking, with more than 1 in 4 (27.75%) adults ages 18 or older reporting they binged on alcohol in 2020.

Among young people ages 12 to 20, 20.77% reported alcohol use in the past month and 11.81% reported binge alcohol use in the past month in Massachusetts. The national averages were 17.32% and 10.14%, respectively.

Handbag Bingo is back in town!

SOUTH HADLEY—Saturday, Nov. 9 marks the 4th year of South Hadley's Handbag Bingo. Every year this event sells out and this year will be no exception as only a handful of tickets remain. All of this year's proceeds will benefit the Buttery Brook Park improvement project. Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact Kim at ksprough@me.com if you're interested in attending to confirm there are still tickets available.

Pioneer Valley Cappella performs

SOUTH HADLEY—Pioneer Valley Cappella, led by music director Geoffrey Hudson, performs its fall concerts on Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edwards Church of Northampton. On Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the All Saints' Episcopal Church. Free donation at the door, \$20 is recommended.

"Dona Nobis Pacem" features beautiful choral music from several traditions. The central work on the program is Dona Nobis Pacem by the contemporary Latvian composer, Peteris Vasks. Composed in 1996, Vask's powerful setting of the three-word text pulsates with gorgeous harmonies.

The concert opens with folksong arrangements from Zambia and Kenya. It also includes Elizabethan sacred music by Byrd, Gibbons, Morley, Tallis, and Weelkes. In closing, the concert returns to the theme of peace with a set of spirituals, including "Peace Like a River" and "Down by the Riverside".

Come enjoy this sparkling collection of music from many traditions.

Music parents to host community meeting

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Music Parents Association is inviting all community members to its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Michael E. Smith Middle School Library, 100 Mosier St. Join in to discuss current performing arts opportunities for South Hadley students and ways to expand offering for our students in all grade levels. Especially hoping to hear from families of elementary and middle school students.

Wing Auxiliary selling Lotto Calendars

PALMER—The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is currently selling their January 2025 Lotto Calendars. The one-month calendar, which costs \$5 each or 3 for \$10, has a daily winning amount of \$100 with special drawings on Jan. 1 and Jan. 31.

For over 65 years the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has been actively supporting local healthcare through its sponsorship of special events and sales from the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop located on the first floor of the hospital.

The calendars will be on

sale beginning October 29 at the Baystate Wing Hospital gift shop. Funds raised by the annual Lotto Calendars support the Auxiliary's scholarship program and their philanthropic efforts that benefit Baystate Wing Hospital.

Whether you are looking for something special for a patient, a gift for a special occasion, or an item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many unique, hand-selected items. For more information about the Lotto Calendar visit the gift shop located on the first floor of the hospital or call 413-370-8169.

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6-7-8-10 among their scoring seven runners.

Julianne Kelly (Natick, Mass.) was third in 19:05, Shea Hamel (Longmeadow, Mass.)

fourth in 19:20. Molly Kennedy (West Springfield, Mass.) placed fifth in 19:23, Reese Stevens (Agawam, Mass.) seventh in 19:34, and Brynn LeCours (Haverhill, Mass.) eighth in 19:39. Eliza Lee (Walpole,

Mass.) placed 10th in 20:06. The top 10 runners in the race will earn all-conference honors when formally announced by the league later this week.

For the Owls, the conference title is their fourth in a row, and

26th overall in the league's 39 championship meets since the meet was first held in 1985.

Westfield will be idle next weekend before competing at the NCAA Regional meet in Connecticut on Nov. 16.

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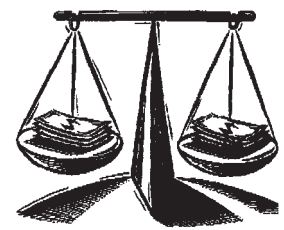
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A public hearing will be held by the Board of Appeals on **Tuesday November 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** at **1 Library Lane, Old Carnegie Library, top floor** to consider the appeal. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.



The complete application and plan is available for public inspection during regular business hours (9:00AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, and 9:00AM - 12:00 PM Fridays) at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street, Granby, MA 01033

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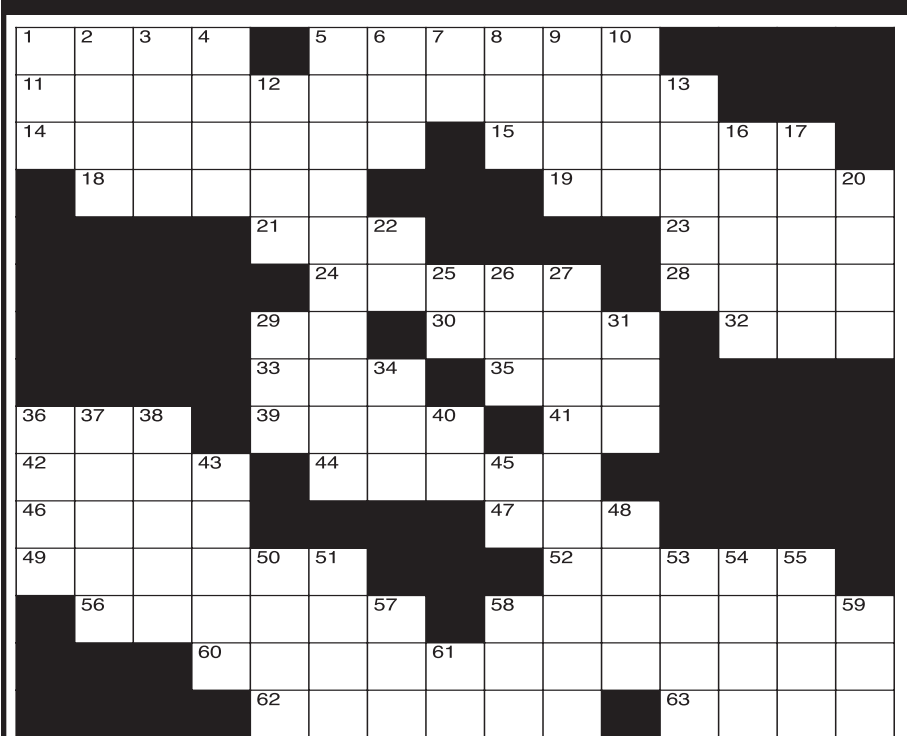
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29. "Hammer" is one again	60. Assertions made again	20. Affirmative! (slang)	54. Crater on Mars
30. Senses of self-importance	62. Periods of history	22. Instinctive part of the mind	55. Humanities
32. Thyrotrophic hormone	63. Hyphen	25. "The First State"	57. Relating to the ears
33. Not around	CLUES DOWN	26. A way to develop	58. "To the ___ degree..."
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Craft fair delights with handmade treasures

Funds raised help church and community

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GRANBY – When it comes to gift giving, some of the best kinds of gifts are the ones that are handmade, and they are always made with love.

Craft fairs are an excellent opportunity for people to find gifts for their friends, families, and loved ones that they are sure to love, without purchasing mass-produced items from stores.

Whether you're looking for handmade crocheted and knitted hats and scarves, a new book to read, jewelry, photographs, decor, or a tasty treat, craft fairs are where to find it all.

For thirty years, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has held a craft fair during its annual Holiday Bazaar, but in the past three, has embraced it solely as a larger craft fair.

The day featured fourteen crafters with their creations set up to admire, delicious foods for breakfast and lunch, as well as a few basket raffles to try your luck at.

"I do enjoy the fact that crafters can come inside. It's nice to see people that want to come out," said church member Jeff Lussier. "Isn't that what it's all about? Community."

People from all over the community and in the next towns get the opportunity to reconnect and share with one another their own creations.

However, the craft fair and basket raffles are also an opportunity for the church to raise funds in order to support its various mis-

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Nina Place with her adorable fall owl wreaths, perfect for brightening up any home.



Frank Mitera, Carol Zebrowski, Nancy Jolivet, Jeff Lussier (back), and Kim Marion, who worked to make all the delicious food for the day.



Nick and Carolyn Aubrey, the owners of their fantastical small business, Earthen Apothecary and Woodcrafts.

sions and events for the community.

The church is in need of a new bathroom renovation on the bottom floor, and other necessary expenses for the upkeep of

the church building.

The church also uses the funds raised to support the Voice for the Voiceless and Bethlehem House ministries, and also collects mittens, hats and coats for the winter.

The church is dedicated to working with and alongside the community so that they can help support the people that make Granby a wonderful place.



Shari Wilkins with her beautiful Cape Cod sea glass creations from her small business, Shari's Sea Glass by the Sea Shore.



Local author from Ludlow, Kathy Picard, showing her published children's book and personal narrative.



Angela Parent and Deanna Haas with some cute ear covers and hats for the winter.

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